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H. R. 1682

To update the supplemental security income program, and to increase incentives for working, saving, and pursuing an education.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 19, 2005

Mr. CARDIN (for himself, Mr. RANGEL, Mr. McDERMOTT, Mr. STARK, Mr. LEVIN, and Mr. EMANUEL) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

A BILL

To update the supplemental security income program, and to increase incentives for working, saving, and pursuing an education.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “SSI Modernization Act
5 of 2005”.

6 **SEC. 2. GENERAL INCOME EXCLUSION.**

7 (a) INCREASE.—Section 1612(b)(2)(A) of the Social
8 Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1382a(b)(2)(A)) is amended by

1 striking “\$240” and inserting “\$480 (or, if greater, the
2 amount determined under section 1617)”.

3 (b) COST-OF-LIVING ADJUSTMENT.—Section 1617 of
4 such Act (42 U.S.C. 1382f) is amended—

5 (1) in subsection (a)(1), by inserting “sub-
6 section (b)(2)(A) of section 1612,” after “section
7 1611,”; and

8 (2) in subsection (b), by striking “section
9 1611” and inserting “sections 1611 and 1612”.

10 **SEC. 3. EARNED INCOME EXCLUSION.**

11 (a) INCREASE.—Section 1612(b)(4) of the Social Se-
12 curity Act (42 U.S.C. 1382a(b)(4)) is amended by striking
13 “\$780” each place it appears and inserting “\$1,560 (or,
14 if greater, the amount determined under section 1617)”.

15 (b) COST-OF-LIVING ADJUSTMENT.—Section
16 1617(a)(1) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 1382f), as amended
17 by section 2(b)(1) of this Act, is amended by striking
18 “subsection (b)(2)(A)” and inserting “subsections
19 (b)(2)(A), (b)(4)(A), (b)(4)(B), and (b)(4)(C)”.

20 **SEC. 4. RESOURCE LIMITS.**

21 (a) INCREASE.—Section 1611(a)(3) of the Social Se-
22 curity Act (42 U.S.C. 1382(a)(3)) is amended—

23 (1) in subparagraph (A)—

24 (A) by striking “and” the last place it ap-
25 pears; and

1 (B) by inserting “, and to \$4,500 on Janu-
 2 ary 1, 2006” before the period; and

3 (2) in subparagraph (B)—

4 (A) by striking “and” the last place it ap-
 5 pears; and

6 (B) by inserting “, and to \$3,000 on Janu-
 7 ary 1, 2006” before the period.

8 (b) COST-OF-LIVING ADJUSTMENT.—Section
 9 1617(a)(1) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 1382f), as amended
 10 by sections 2(b)(1) and 3(b) of this Act, is amended by
 11 inserting “(b)(3)(A), (b)(3)(B),” after “(b)(2)(A),”.

12 **SEC. 5. REDETERMINATIONS FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL**
 13 **STUDENTS TURNING 18.**

14 Section 1614(a) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
 15 23 1382c(a)) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
 16 lowing:

17 “(5) If, as of the date an individual attains 18
 18 years of age, the individual is regularly attending (as
 19 defined in regulations) a secondary school or a local
 20 school system is maintaining responsibility for the
 21 individual through an individualized education plan,
 22 the individual shall not be considered to have at-
 23 tained 18 years of age for purposes of paragraphs
 24 (3) and (4) until the earlier of—

1 “(A) the earliest subsequent date the indi-
2 vidual ceases to be regularly attending a sec-
3 ondary school or participating in such a plan;
4 or
5 “(B) the date the individual attains 21
6 years of age.”.

7 **SEC. 6. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

8 The amendments made by this Act shall take effect
9 on January 1, 2006.

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